

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 (currently amended): An ink for ink-jet recording comprising tripropylene glycol normal butyl ether, an acrylic polymer, a water-insoluble coloring agent, and water; wherein a blending ratio of the tripropylene glycol normal butyl ether with respect to the acrylic polymer is 0.5 to 2 on the basis of weight; and wherein a content of the acrylic polymer is 0.1 to 5 % by weight with respect to a total amount of the ink.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 1, wherein the water insoluble coloring agent is self-dispersing [[type]] carbon black.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original): The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 1, wherein a content of the tripropylene glycol normal butyl ether is 0.5 to 5 % by weight with respect to a total amount of the ink.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (original): An ink cartridge comprising the ink as defined in claim 1.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An ink for ink-jet recording comprising dipropylene glycol normal propyl ether, an acrylic polymer, a water-insoluble coloring agent, and water; wherein a blending ratio of the dipropylene glycol normal propyl ether with respect to the acrylic polymer is 0.5 to 2 on the basis of weight; and

wherein a content of the acrylic polymer is 0.1 to 5 % by weight with respect to a total amount of the ink.

Claim 8 (original): The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 7, wherein the water-insoluble coloring agent is self-dispersing type carbon black.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (original): The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 7, wherein a content of the dipropylene glycol normal propyl ether is 0.5 to 5 % by weight with respect to a total amount of the ink.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (original): An ink cartridge comprising the ink as defined in claim 7.